

# The Gazette.

MENOLD, KOKER & SUTHER,  
HOTEL AND PROPRIETORS.

LANCASTER, OHIO

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1870.

See advertisement of sundry  
pieces of real estate for sale by H.  
C. Drinker.

We are indebted to our friend  
G. L. Ogle, of Cincinnati, for ac-  
ceptable favors in the way of late  
Detroit dailies.

More Big Porkers.

We are reliably informed that a  
lady of Hocking township sold to  
S. Meeker this winter 10 hogs, of  
her own raising, the average  
weight of which was 407 pounds  
each.

Good Wine.—The Gazette had,  
the other day, the privilege of  
testing a bottle of J. A. Fetter's  
Catwha, vintage of 1867. It was  
pronounced A number one.

Good Templars' Social.  
Lancaster Lodge, I. O. G. T.

will hold an Aid Society Meeting,  
or Social, at their Hall in this city,  
on Tuesday evening next, 15th  
inst. All friends are invited. Ad-  
mission, with refreshments, 25 cts.

We renew the tender of our ac-  
knowledgments to Senators Sher-  
man and Thurman, to Mr. Van  
Trump of the House, Mr. Daugh-  
erty, of the Ohio Senate, and  
Messrs. Lechner and Baker of the  
House of Representatives, for  
documentary favors.

Horticultural.  
Horticulturists, far and near,  
will do well to consult the adver-  
tisement of Clarke Brothers, to be  
found in another place in this issue.  
The facilities of these gentlemen  
in their particular line are unsur-  
passed in this region.

OFFICIAL CHANOR.—J. F. Van-  
dermark, Esq., late Clerk of the  
Court of Common Pleas, retired  
from office yesterday, and C. F. R.  
Rainey, Esq., took possession and  
entered on the discharge of the du-  
ties of the office. We believe it is  
the general testimony that Mr. Van-  
dermark has been a capable and  
faithful officer, and the character  
and qualifications of Mr. Rainey  
give assurance of equal fidelity and  
efficiency in the same position.

A. Bauman & Co.

Determined to take the lead in  
the baking business in this city,  
Andy Bauman, (as will be seen by  
advertisement) has bought out  
the extensive Rhodes & Crook es-  
tablishment and taken a valuable  
partner in the person of Mr. A.  
Schleckman. The firm now have  
a concern capable of supplying all  
the wants of our city in the baking  
line. The convenience of their lo-  
cation, the well-known enterprise  
and liberality of dealing of "Andy,"  
with the unequalled facilities af-  
forded by the new arrangement,  
must result, as it should, in a great  
increase of business to the firm.

Agricultural Society Election.

The election held on Saturday  
last by the Fairfield County Agri-  
cultural Society, resulted in the  
choice of the following officers:

President, John Rober; Vice  
President, B. W. Carlisle; Direc-  
tors, Thomas Barr, Amanda town-  
ship; George See, Berne; Isaac  
Claypool, Greenfield; Newton Pe-  
terson, Hocking; Sam'l V. Wolf,  
Madison; D. Keller, Pleasant; Abe  
Meader, Walnut.

In the main, this will be found  
an efficient and acceptable body of  
officers.

No Go.—We are told there was a  
slight alarm of fire at the jail the  
other day, and that a considerable  
smoke was raised, at all events. It  
is supposed that some of the in-  
mates, whether the young men  
confined on the charge of burglary  
or not we are not informed, managed  
to set on fire some loose  
straw, with the view of attempting  
an escape in the alarm which  
might follow—but if such was  
their idea the result was a morti-  
fying failure, as sheriff Jackson  
was on the alert, and no escape  
was attempted.

Whose Fault is it?

It is said that there are no city  
lamps nearer to our Railroad sta-  
tion than the one on High street  
near the M. E. Church and the one  
at the "Boston Corner," Columbus  
st. and Broadway. The amount of  
air occasioned by this state of af-  
fairs, in the swearing by passengers  
and employees on the night  
and early morning trains, is repre-  
sented as something fearful. And  
the ocean of mud, too, by which  
the station houses and platforms  
are surrounded, is a feature not  
calculated to render Lancaster em-  
inently popular with the traveling  
public—to which may be added  
the almost total lack of sidewalk  
in that part of the city.

Are these things beyond the  
reach of remedy by our city au-  
thorities?

The Christian Convention.  
This body met on Tuesday eve-  
ning at the Presbyterian Church,  
pursuant to the published call. The  
attendance from abroad was good,  
and received further sessions on  
yesterday. A temporary organiza-  
tion was effected by placing Rev.

— Galbraith, of this city, of the  
Presbyterian church, in the Chair,  
and appointing Rev. John Scott, of  
the Episcopal church, Secretary. A  
committee was appointed, who  
reported for permanent officers  
Rev. Dr. Osborne, of Columbus,  
President, and Rev. — Hall, of  
Logan, Secretary. A programme  
of proceedings was also reported,  
comprising a series of day and even-  
ing meetings for religious exer-  
cises during the continuance of the  
Convention. The opening meet-  
ing, aside from its business fea-  
tures, was one of great interest,  
and gave promise of the most grati-  
fying character for the subsequent  
meetings.

Ground Hog Day.—There were  
several hours of pleasant sunshine  
on the 2d inst. The additional  
six weeks of winter thus rendered  
inevitable, (?) may be supposed to  
have set in with the snow-storm  
of Monday night, which gave us  
about four inches, and called out  
the sleighs to some extent on Tues-  
day.

For NEBRASKA.—Our fellow-  
townsmen John McClelland is  
about to remove to the flourishing  
city of Lincoln, the capital of Ne-  
braska. Lancaster thus loses an  
old and good citizen, while the  
western capital is by so much the  
gainer. We hope the change of  
residence may result in increased  
prosperity to our friend McClel-  
land.

A Convention of Ohio Editors  
and Publishers is to be held at  
Springfield on the 24th and 25th  
inst.

SUPERIOR COAL.—We have been  
shown by J. C. Hite, Esq., Secre-  
tary and Treasurer of the Lan-  
caster and Straitsville Coal Company,  
a magnificent specimen of the coal  
taken from the lands of that cor-  
poration. The speedy construction of a  
railway northward through this  
great coal region, intersecting the  
C. and Z. R. R. at some point in  
Perry county, and passing on to  
Lake Erie seems also to be  
an assured event.

For the last six months reliable  
parties of this and adjoining coun-  
ties have been purchasing lands in  
the vicinity, and as a result, we  
hear of the "Lancaster & Straits-  
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Will not some one well posted  
as to all movements of this kind  
on foot give us further particulars  
and also favor us with items of in-  
terest relating to the general ap-  
pearance of that region, its geolog-  
ical characteristics, &c.

A CARD.  
LANCASTER, Feb. 9, 1870.

The undersigned wishes to express  
his gratitude to the citizens of Lan-  
caster for the little countenance they gave  
to a certain Rev'd Lecturer, who for  
the last few days has gained some notoriety  
in lecturing against his fellow-  
christians in the city hall. Has this man  
wished to win converts from the Cath-  
olic faith by honorable means and by  
telling the truth, we would have hailed  
his coming among us, and afforded him  
every facility for a fair discussion; as  
it was, we feel compelled to look upon  
him as a firebrand coming with no other  
purpose than to disturb the harmony  
existing between the members of  
the church in this city. In order  
to pour out a little oil on the wounded  
feeling of our citizens the undersigned  
proposes to lecture on the various doc-  
trines of the Catholic church every  
Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, begin-  
ning with next Thursday, the 17th, in  
that calm and amicable style which  
characterizes Catholic polemics. Hop-  
ing that if a feeling of interest or even  
hostility has been awakened he may be  
able to give both a satisfactory solution.  
He would willingly lecture in the City  
Hall, were he not ashamed to stand on  
the same platform where every thing  
Catholic has been distanced and held  
in contempt; hence he respectfully invites  
all who wish to know what the  
Catholic church teaches, to attend his  
lectures every Thursday in St. Mary's  
Church. Waiting for an opportunity to  
thank personally those Rev'd Pastors  
of the city who refused the use of  
their churches for the demolition of our  
citizens, he respectfully sends this  
card to the liberal and sincere public.

LOUIS DECAILLY,  
Pastor of St. Mary's.

The Great Column of Coal.

We had the pleasure of seeing  
the column of coal, of which we  
have been saying something, on  
the 2d inst. The column comes  
from the Sands bank on Sunday  
Creek, is boxed to keep it from  
breaking, and was delivered at the  
depot on the 20th inst., by George  
Weiss, Esq., of Pleasant township.  
It will be shipped to Toledo as  
soon as possible. The column is  
eleven feet and ten inches in length,  
and one foot square. The length  
indicates the thickness of the vein.  
This, truly, is one of the greatest  
coal curiosities of the world. The  
Ohio Great Vein Mining Company  
intend getting out three more, one  
to be shipped to Chicago, one to  
Columbus, and one to either New  
York or Cincinnati.—New Lexing-  
ton Democratic Herald.

The Nursery.—This beautiful  
little magazine for February is on  
our table. There are no words too  
strong to express our commendation  
of this periodical. Its illus-  
trations are of the very highest  
order of wood engraving; and it  
would seem impossible to improve  
upon the quality of its reading matter  
for young readers, or for  
those so young as to require its  
reading to them by others. Price  
\$1.50 a year. John L. Shorey, 13  
Washington Street, Boston.

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reach of remedy by our city au-  
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## Straitsville Coal Fields.

From day to day we hear of one  
after another of our wide awake,  
enterprising business men invest-  
ing in the rich coal and iron ore  
lands of the south western Perry  
county. From the best information  
at our command we learn that  
the center of attraction is in the  
immediate vicinity of Straitsville,  
ten miles northeast of Logan  
where are found wonderful de-  
posits of bituminous coal and iron ore  
of a quality equal to that found in  
any part of our country.

Of the five distinct veins of coal  
the Great Vein is the feature, vary-  
ing in thickness from ten to fifteen  
feet, yielding an average of  
twenty thousand tons of coal to the  
acre.

The quality of this coal is said  
to be superior to the manufacture  
of gas, and smelting of iron in  
blast furnaces without coking.

It is usual for all noted places to  
have a history; so we find that  
Straitsville, and its coal-fields have  
a history, which runs as follows:

About twenty years ago the enter-  
prise for connecting the Ohio River  
with the Lakes by Railway from  
Portsmouth via Logan, Somerset,  
and Newark to Sandusky was put  
on foot, and the road partly finished.  
During the excitement incident  
to the undertaking, Straitsville  
coal fields were brought to public  
notice for the first time, and a company  
formed, known as the "Central Ohio Coal & Iron Co."

which purchased and leased four  
thousand acres of the most avail-  
able lands. The great financial  
crisis of 1855 and '56 proved disastrous  
to the Rail road—likewise to the  
coal and iron Co.

From that time up to the past  
summer the citizens of the vicinity  
have been subject to periodical  
Railway excitements, caused by the  
advent of parties desiring to  
purchase, lease, or take options of  
their lands—with what results other-  
than the formation of numerous  
coal and mining companies time  
must determine. The building of  
the C. & Z. R. R. and its success-  
ess as a coal road has paved the  
way for a branch road from Logan,  
the building of which the coming  
summer is more than a probability.

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## Donation Visit.

Baltimore, Jan. 31st, 1870.  
We were very pleasantly sur-  
prised the other day upon looking  
out through the parsonage window,  
at seeing quite a company of the  
Dumontville friends driving up to  
the parsonage with wagons and  
buggies filled with guests and laden  
with provisions. Soon they formed  
a happy circle in the sitting room  
and—after a general shaking of  
hands and friendly greeting  
the table was bidden to take its  
stand and was made to groan un-  
der the burden of refreshments  
quickly spread thereon. We all  
fared sumptuously—after which  
we enjoyed most hugely a general  
chat. But far too soon the parting  
hour came. The company engaged  
in singing (sweet by hand and  
devotional exercises were led by  
Rev. Mr. Bowes of Dumontville,  
after which the company returned  
to their homes leaving a handsome  
donation. Geo. S. HANAN,  
Pastor of M. E. Church,  
Baltimore, Ohio.